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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of

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A FILL PATTERN IN KERF AREAS TO PREVENT LOCALIZED NON-UNIFORMITIES OF INSULATING LAYERS AT DIE CORNERS ON SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATES

SUBSTRATES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent

Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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